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SUBJECT: FY-74 MULTI-REGIONAL RADIO/TV PROJECT:
NOMINATION

REF: A-5031

1. EMBASSY NOMINATES OLAFUR RAGNARSSON, PRODUCER, DIRECTOR
AND NEWSCASTER OF ICELANDIC STATE TELEVISION FOR SYRACUSE
RADIO/TV PROJECT:

2. PROGRAM AND NOMINEE APPEAR IDEALLY MATCHED. IN SMALL NATIONAL
TV SYSTEM RAGNARSSON IS ONE OF FIVE PRODUCERS AND OF THREE
NEWSCASTERS. A NORMAL WEEK OF TELECASTING WILL INCLUDE THREE
NEWSCASTS BY RAGNARSSON PLUS TWO PROGRAMS PRODUCED AND
DIRECTED BY HIM. HE ALSO CONDUCTS OCCASIONAL DEBATE AND DIS-
CUSSION PROGRAMS. RAGNARSSON HAS BEEN WITH TV SINCE IT BEGAN
IN 1966. HE TRAINED WITH DANISH AND SWEDISH TV. HE IS JACK OF
ALL TRADES: QUALIFIED AS CAMERMAN, FILM EDITOR AND REPORTER
IN ADDITION TO OTHER SKILLS.

3. RAGNARSSON BORN IN SIGLUFJORDUR SEPT. 8, 1944.
EDUCATED AT REYKJAVIK'S COMMERCIAL COLLEGE. HAS TRAVELED
EXTENSIVELY IN WESTERN EUROPE; VISITED U.S. TWO WEEKS TWO
YEARS AGO VIEWING ICELANDIC FISH PROCESSING PLANTS ON EAST
COAST AS GUEST OF ICELANDIC FISHING INDUSTRY. RAGNARSSON
SPEAKHS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN.
NAME CHECK IS SATISFACTORY.

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4. ALTERNATE NOMINEE IS MSGNUS BJARNFREDSSON, ALSO PRODUCER,
DIRECTOR AND NEWSCASTER OF ICELANDIC STATE TV.

5. FORMAL APPROVAL OF TV HIERACHY REQUIRED. TV NOW ON JULY
FACATION; APPROVAL WILL BE SOUGHT NEXT WEEK.
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